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That'll barely give us enough time to move the bill across and get the highway department to changing the speed limit signs. Now, I expect that Senator Duis would also like to move LB605 right up with it so they can be discussed together. One of them authorizes his bill, authorizes the Governor to set the speed limit and LB873 the Legislature does this. I know we're going to have a lot of debate and you can vote it down if you want to but I think we need to move up on these bills.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Waldron, did you want to be heard on the issue?

SENATOR WALDRON: No, I want to make an announcement.

PRESIDENT: Stand by, let's get rid of the motion here. The motion is that LB779 and LB605 be moved ahead of General File. Senator Kremer. LB873?

SENATOR KREMER: LB873. I suppose Senator Duis would also like to move up LB605. He can comment on it if he wishes to.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I object. I'll give you the reasons why. We just turned Senator Stull down. This Body is equal in membership and equal in responsibility and equal in acceptance. What we're going to do for one, we ought to do for all. We might as well make the determination now. I would object unless you reconsider Senator Stull and let him introduce what he has in mind. He didn't ask me to do this either.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARSH: It seems to me that there is a valid reason for considering something that does need a decision early next month. If we do not put something ahead that has an impact this soon, then we'll end up being short when we need the time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President. It's all right with me. We don't need to put them ahead. That's just fine, just keep them right where they are. The only thing that I ask is, and I'm sure the thing that we all wanted, was for these two bills to be heard at the same time. They're identical in subject and one of the two is going to come along. Now, as far as time is concerned, if this violates it and we can't get it across, I guess we'll just have to worry about it. The bill I had was introduced the second day of the legislative session - LB605. It was heard early and I introduced it long before the Governor made his mind up that he apparently didn't like the bill. Let me say this, as long as we're talking about these bills, I have as yet to have one word from the Governor's office about my bill, even though it was introduced the second day of the legislative session. He has absolutely had nor has his office had any communication with me whatsoever. My bill could have been amended, could have been changed, they saw fit to go directly to the Public Works Committee which is fine with me. But I have had no communications with them. The other day when the Rules Committee had a bill which would have affected the Governor's office, I made sure to go to his office. He was ill that day but I talked to Mr. Hoepfner so the line of communication from this Legislature to him in that was done right away. Even before the bill was....

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